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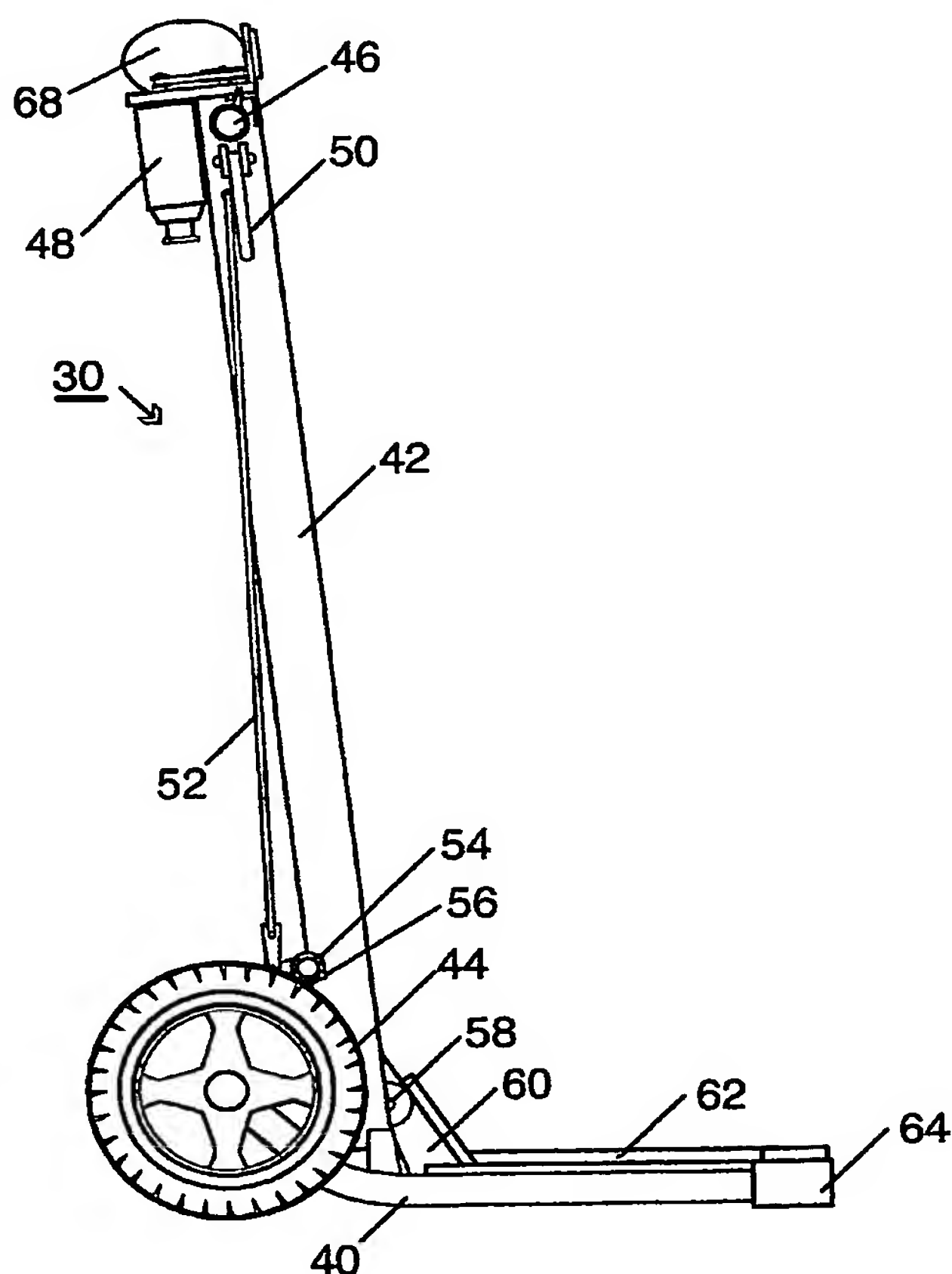
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(57) Abstract: In a preferred embodiment, an apparatus,  
comprising: a column (42) normally generally vertical when  
a device (30) of which the column (42) is a part is in an  
operating position; and a platform (62) operatively connected  
at one end to the column (42) and normally generally  
horizontal when the device (30) is in an operating position,  
the platform (62) being selectively raised or lowered to raise  
or lower a load placed on the platform (62).



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